thinks that his work was sufficiently satisfactory would he be confirmed. But in the case of an officer officiating, there is no such condition laid down.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Therefore there are no difference between a person who has been confirmed and one who is officiating?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— There are no conditions laid down in the case of an officiating officer.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Is there any reason for not confirming him ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Government was considering the question of his confirmation.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— It took 4½ years for the Government to consider his confirmation ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— To know the exact idea underlying the Government's policy to continue him as officiating, I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Of course they are now satisfied and he was confirmed.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Is it the policy of the Government to keep Government servants officiating *ad infinitum ?*

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— It is open for the Government to decide.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Was the particular gentleman sent for training as Commissioner of Police ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Then there was no necessity to wait and see his ability.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I have already answered that the necessity was created by exigencies.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:— Was it to try his efficiency ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Kalithodu—Improvement of.

9. Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a proposal to improve the Kalithodu in the Kallur Nemmanikara and Thoravu villages;

(2) were Rs. 14,000 allotted in the budget for this work;

(3) if so, what are the reasons for not undertaking the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—(1) Yes.

(2) A sum of Rs. 14,250 was allotted in the 1104 budget for the work.

(3) Government thought it advisable to watch the effect of

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the Karuvannur Flood prevention works, now under progress, and see whether this work is actually necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— From the answer it would seem that this Kalithodu is intended for the prevention of flood. Is it not useful for the Mundakan cultivation? Does it not pass through large areas where Mundakan is cultivated ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— When we investigated this question of improvement of Kalithodu it was p imarily for the purpose of relief from floods in that area. In that connection we thought that instead of improving the thodu it is better to watch the effects of the flood prevention works. The member now raises the question of improving this thodu for the purpose of irrigation. That has not been investigated by the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government consider this point also ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— Yes.

Batta—Village Officers.

10. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are not Village Officers given batta;

(2) if so, why not;

(3) are not officers in other departments of similar grade and work given batta?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(1) Not always, but under certain conditions as stated in the rule (306 C. S. R.) appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

(2) The reason is given in the rule appended.

(3) Not all; for instance:

(i) Excise peons and Petty Officers (with some exceptions).
(ii) Forest Guards do.
(iii) Anchal Officers do.
(iv) Process Establishment.
(v) All Head constables and constables, etc.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— With regard to subdivision 3 (1), what are the exceptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— They are in the rules itself.

Appointment—Sarvadhikariakkar.

11. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the qualifications of the acting Sarvadhikariakkar Mr. T. P. Ananthanarayana Ayyar;

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